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News from Local Congregations

United Church UCC, Cookeville, TN welcomes their new pastor **Paige Pearson**.

An article in April 1th *Herald-Citizen* of Cookeville quoted Paige as saying that she likes to draw parallels between her work in health care settings and her new role as pastor. "In health care settings, as in the church, people walk through the doors seeking healing and hope... our church can provide a faith community for people who have been hurt in the past by other faith communities". Paige succeeds Tom Eckert, who served as the congregation's first pastor. They have just purchased the building in which they have been worshipping as tenants for several years. Paige is scheduled to be **installed at a service on Sunday, July 26th at 3:00.**

First Congregational UCC, Atlanta, announced that they are seeking a full-time financial administrator responsible for the financial and accounting functions of the church. They are looking for a candidate with a master's degree in finance or accounting, or a minimum of five years experience in a nonprofit environment. For a job description and application process contact Eunice Glover at ce01@bellsouth.net. First Church also has moved its worship location back from Morris Brown College to a community facility they own adjacent to their church.

Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga, has voted to be an EarthChurch. Olin Ivey, Associate for Stewardship and Outreach of the church noted that "this is a covenant relationship with our Creator God. Articles and additional information about this decision and its impact on the church are available from Therese Padgett at (Treepaddg@bellsouth.net)

Virginia Highland Church (A Baptist and UCC Congregation), Atlanta, is would like to organize a UCC Atlanta area contingent for a presence in the **Gay Pride Parade** in October. If interested please contact Andy McKinnon at andymckinnon@gmail.com.



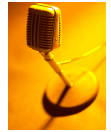
Brookmeade Congregational UCC member **Lauryn Ross** is teaching staff at the **Mungeli Christian Hospital** in India computer skills during her mission visit with them. See the attached picture.

Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta, announced that it has made a contribution of **\$2,000 to the support of the TAP** program from their endowment fund.

Pleasant Hill Community UCC, TN, has just announced that they have made a **contribution of \$4,800 to the support of the TAP program.**

Church of the Savior, Knoxville, announced the publication of a significant resource for congregations who are seeking to "**seek peace with our lives**". Available to any congregation interested in developing their own witness for peace, it can be ordered by contacting Pastor John Gill at cosjbg@bellsouth.net. Church of the Savior also hosted a series of **events concerning the death penalty**, which involved UCC minister **Joe Ingle**, a member of **Brookmeade Congregational UCC**. Here is a link to an article in the Knoxville paper about the series: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/mar/21/discussing-the-death-penalty-and-faith/>.

We received word that during a time of pastoral transition, three recent TAP graduates **supplied the pulpit at Midway Congregational UCC, Midway, GA. Deborah Robinson Dorothy Mosely and Sally Richardson.** Congratulations to each for their ministry!



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